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Gellman et al.

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For: BONE ANCHOR PLACEMENT DEVICE
WITH RECESSED ANCHOR MOUNT

Examiner: Robert, E.C.

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This response is being filed in reply to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response has been extended to February 19, 2005, by the accompanying petition for an one-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.